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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) create the sudden onset of obsessive-compulsive disorder in children, causing previously healthy and emotionally adjusted children to experience severe anxiety and emotional disturbances; and

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WHEREAS, Children with PANS and PANDAS tend to manifest some of the following symptoms: tics or other abnormal movements, severe separation anxiety, generalized anxiety, irritability, aggression, personality changes, ADHD, marked deterioration in learning and school performance, and developmental regression, including deterioration in handwriting; and

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WHEREAS, Pediatric infection-triggered autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder (PITAND) is similar to PANS and PANDAS in terms of presentation, except that PITAND can be triggered by numerous infections, including mycoplasma, pneumonia, mononucleosis, Lyme disease, viruses, and more; and

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WHEREAS, Children with PANS, PANDAS, and PITAND may experience moderate to dramatic improvement with antibiotics, intravenous immunoglobulin treatment, or plasmapheresis; and

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1 WHEREAS, Researchers at the National Institute of Mental
2 Health are currently engaged in extensive research and testing
3 on how to effectively treat PANS, PANDAS, and PITAND; and

4 WHEREAS, Researchers at Moleculera Labs at the University
5 of Oklahoma have developed PANS, PANDAS, and PITAND blood
6 testing procedures; and

7 WHEREAS, PANDASNetwork.org is a nonprofit organization
8 that raises the awareness about PANS, PANDAS, and PITAND; and

9 WHEREAS, The actual number of children suffering from PANS,
10 PANDAS, and PITAND has been estimated to be approximately one
11 out of every 50 children in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, PANS, PANDAS, and PITAND are likely to be as
13 common as pediatric cancer and pediatric diabetes; and

14 WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public
15 awareness of this serious health issue; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date
18 of October 9 of 2015 and 2016 as PANS, PANDAS, and PITAND
19 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Wendy Nawara, President of PANDAS/PITAND/PANS
3 Advocacy and Support of Illinois.